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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of: Friedrich MUELLER

Application No.: 09/831,139

Filed: June 21, 2001

For: DATA PROCESSING SYSTEM OR

COMMUNICATIONS TERMINAL WITH A DEVICE FOR RECOGNIZING SPEECH AND METHOD FOR RECOGNIZING CERTAIN

ACOUSTIC OBJECTS

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Non-Fee Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated October 22, 2003, for which a response is due on January 22, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.